

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~A chip simulation technique includes describing a representation of a first simulation model to a graphical user interface using hardware descriptions stored in a database then receiving responses of the first simulation model to a first signal applied to the model. A second simulation model is subsequently described to the same graphical user interface~~ A method includes sending a query from a graphical user interface to a hardware configuration database. The query requests information located within a simulation model. The hardware configuration database including locations of hardware devices. The hardware devices represent functional processes. The method also includes searching the functional processes to locate the information and directly accessing the information in the simulation model from the graphical user interface without assistance from the hardware configuration database.